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THE INDIVIDUAL who yells in an empty barrel makes a thundering noise from his own standpoint, but does not disturb the public to an alarming extent. By the way, there is considerable barrel entertainment about Scranton

AN ELECTRICAL PRINCE. There was a time in this country when Stephen Clirard was thought to be the greatest commercial genius that civilization had ever developed, and all because he had managed to bemerchant ships plying a rich trade ern sea. We should like to know what would think could they be brought face to face with some of the commer- it be best? cial operators and some of the commer-

cial "princes," of to lay. What would

be his relative dimensions contrasted

with a Vanderbilt, or measured beside

even his own fellow townsman, P. A.

B. Widener, or beside Widener's shrewd partner, Stephen B. Eikins? This line of thought has been sugrested to us by notice of the report that the Widener-Elkins syndicate had just purchased and consolidated the electric street railway lines of Caoster, this state. A list of the corporations and Mr. Elkins' executive ability reinforced, when needful, by the alfround powers of our former fellow townsman, Martin Maloney, would read like a page torn from a directory, To begin with, there is the Broadway sur-Yerkes cable car system in Chicago is acter a chance. the third offshoot, to which has recently been added the Chicago gas monopoly. In St. Louis the syndicate lips, has been a resident of Scranton

along trolley lines. begin with, an Interest in the Scranton Traction company, which is destined eventually, unless all signs fail, to control the electric street transit business from Forest City at least to Pittaton, and Allegheny, and lastly, the Harris- portant business department of the burg trolley system, with possibilities municipal government, and has repointing to a continuous trolley road from the state capital to Philadelphia, via Lancaster. In addition, Mr. Elkins is head and front of the leating Bering sea scaling company, owns several tial concerns in New York city whose influences ramify throughout the hemi-

Stephen Girard would be a dwarf, we fear, beside Stephen Elkins,

PROPER ABOUT the state who have had an eye supon lynch-lawed Stroudsburg are still waiting for Judge Craig to "say something."

A DESPATCH from Knoxville, Tenn., Hatfield-McCoy character is liable to tions dropped out of sight. He deserves cause a visible shrinkage in the census returns in that locality provided the ammunition holds out. In view of the fact that the vendetta as an American institution seems to be confined wholly to the fire-eating districts of the south, it would seem almost a pity that for the good of the country at large, this unique method of settling difficulties were not even more popular. There seems no question that the average American citizen would be in better circumstances today could the Hatfield-McCoy spirit have been developed several years ago among the confederate statesmen who are now holding weakkneed northern Democratic congressmen by the neck.

HENRY Invino is a great actor; but for a paying theatrical venture this week give us Madeline Pollard every

THERE ARE LIVING MODELS. The death mask of Sir Walter Scott will be considered in the April number | crawl. of the Century magazine by Rev. T. T. Munger, D. D., in the light of a postmortem examination of his brain. Owing to; the |imperfect bone-making, it is said, there was a premature union of the two parietal bones along he sagittal auture, thus causing the brain to push the vault of the skull up nd back, giving it the peculiar oblong in bone-making extended to the other sutures Scott inevitably would have

been a microcephalous idiot. had not been forced to overcome this Dodgetown breaker. It covers about bone defect, it would have been larger and its convulsions would have been and its convulsions would have been land and is the home of nearly two noor dupes and cats-paw, sweing that more numerous. He suggests that thousand of Lackawanua county's most the administration may not redeem its Scott would have been another Shakes- thriving citizens. peare in fact, had there been room in

to fluctuate properly. From Dr. Munger's review of the forms of government. The petition to | ter-betrayed the tariff Democrats into

SCRANTON TRIBUNE situation it would seem that Sir Walter was in the condition of many lights of the present age whose skulis; are continually under great strain from expending genius that cannot find proper yent. In this age where so many examples of balance between greatness and idiocy exist Dr. Munger can doubtless find living models for further discourse. A glance at records of congressional proceedings, for instance, would probably convince the student of sagittal suture that narrow escapes from microcepalic idiocy are more frequent than the average reader would

> Congressman Wilson is still quite ill; but his bill is convalescing.

PHILADELPHIA ALSO is discussing the roblem of municipal light plant ownership. The Press declares that ": municipal electric light plant would save its cost in three or 'four years. It would yield a steadily increasing profit. It could be bought and put in today for one half of what the electric light plants supplying the city were bought for five or six years ago. A score of English cities run such plants by using the garbage and droppings collected from the houses and streets as fuel, so that the expenditure for coal is reduced to one third want it is come the owner of a goodly number of without the garbage to burn." Inacmuch as Scrauton has cheap fuel at with the fruitful islands of the South- first band, this element of cost would be notably cheap here. What others these admirers of Philadelphia's first | are doing, Scranton can do, if Scranton great captain of industry, what, in- decides to do it. But do we want city deed, the graff old Stephen bimself enterprise to take the place of private and with better safeguards when unenterprise? Would it be wise? Would

> AND YET no announcement has been made of a date for the selection in the First legislative district of a delegate to the May state Republican convention. Being for Hestings, of course, renders urgency needless, but it is timely to remark that May draws nigh-

RE-ELECT MR. PHILLIPS. One week from next Monday evening conneils will be called upon to choose a city engineer for a term of three owned directly or indirectly by this years. This duty is one of importance syndicate, and therefore under the in every city, but it is especially imjoint control of Mr. Widener's money portant in a city having the complex geological and industrial conditions that prevail in Scranton. The position requires a man of wide experience, sterling character and great technical fitness. Unless a man has these face car system in New York. Next in | qualifications, it would be to the city's importance comes the Pailsdelphia distinct advantage not to hire him at Traction company, which virtually all; in fact, it would be preferable. monopolizes the local transit facilities rather than to have him in office, to of more than 1,500,000 people, or about hire him to keep out of office and give the present population of Kansas. The skill, regularity, steadiness and char-The present city engineer, J. P. Phil-

controls the street cars and is planning since 1868. Since that period his fitto control the telephone business. In meas as an engineer has been in con-Baston it has its grasp on the surface tinual evidence. Ten years ago he was roads, and it is just about to put a new chosen assistant engineer and served trolley line into Washington, Balti- the city in that capacity for, nine years more it already occupies, and the long with such fidelity and general acceptadistance line from Washington to Phila | bility that last year he was promoted elphia and again from Philadelphia to to the position of chief engineer. In Atlantic City and to New York are the two positions, first as assistant encommonly reported to be parts of its grand scheme of commercial conquest gineer and again as chief engineer, he has thoroughly systematized the duties If the syndicate secures the Chester of his office; has established office roads, it will have made a goodly start hours, from which he never deviates, in the consolidation of Penusyivania and has kept records which, at a moinland lines. Its list will include, to ment's glance, show the exact condition of any portion of the city, how sewered, how paved, what kind of subsoil it has and all the other essential details of its natural state and degree if not to Nanticoks and Glen Lyon; of improvement. In a word, he has innext, a number of lines in Pittsburg troduced business methods into an im-

sponded willingly to every extra call upon his time and patience. Scrantonians are rightly proud of the fact that there's is a city governed mines and railroads in Virginia and in the main by successful business men West Virginia and has, beside, intimate on approved business principles. They affiliations with a number of influen- are so well satisfied with this kind of executive government that when partisan considerations threaten to disrupt it they promptly sit on the partisan considerations and preserve the rogressive municipal spirit intact. Mr. Phillips received well-won promotion one year ago. He now, by clear merit, as a business-like official, who has done good work and lots of it, ought to be substantially an unanimous announces that another feul of the re-election, with partisan considera-

> To REFER to an ancient chestnut, old Boress just now evinces a disposition to ruffl : the drapery of spring.

this and we believe that he will get

this, one week from next Monday night.

THEATRICAL SCRANTON SOOMS from all appearances to be entering the happy period that journalistic Scranton enjoyed about the time of THE TRIBUNE'S birth. Well, Scranton 'is a growing city, and like Oliver Twist it has yet plenty of room for more. Comdoes not become ruinous; and lovers of the drams, like readers of the press, will profit by the new local entertainment "war."

GOVERNOR WATTE made his bluff before the supreme court had taken a and, and has now either to do the threatened fighting, court or no court, or else erawl into a couspicuous hol-, We confidentially suspect that he will

VICTORY FOR RIGHT. It is a pleasure to announce that the decision of the lower court in the Bellevue annexation case has been sustained by the supreme court of Pennsylvania and that the coveted district, whose citizens have long been anxious to units with Scrauton institutions, shape so often noted. Had the defect will, by the decision, become a portion of the most thriving city upon earth. The portion of Lackawanna township ers and the interest of suiver in spite to be annexed lies east of Souta Main Dr. Munger thinks that if the brain avenue between the city line and one hundred and seventy-five acres of land and is the home of nearly two

pledges to them. The decision of the supreme court in his cranium to allow an active brain this matter is a signal victory for American institutions and American

the lower court was signed by a large above mentioned, who desired to come into the city of Scranton and enjoy the benefits that would follow annexation, and the triumph of a glorious majority over the vigorous technical objections raised by a shrivelled minority is an encouraging evidence that the world moves and that the fundamental principals of this great government are yet sustained by its highest tribunals.

In spire of good advice from civilized nations of the earth Pcixoto still maintains his desire to test the efficacionsness of his snickerance upon the cervical vertebrae of Admiral Da

THE LIGHT PROBLEM.

Judge Alfred Hand expresses himself very clearly in the following interview upon the proposition of W. W. Seranton to sell the plant of the Scran ton Electric Light, Heat and Power company to the city of Scranton: "I am upon general principles opposed to municipalities engaging in business of any kind except that which pertains properly to its existence as a municipality. With the power vested in the people as in the county properly and atelligently exercised, there ought to be no necessity for the municipality taking from the people any kind of business enterprise. Business matters are generally more beneficially conducted, more economically managed der the spar of self-interest and desire for popular patronage which inhere in individual skill and personal zeal than when under the control of the government. The same intelligent watchfulness on the part of the people over their public servants which is required from an individual in his business would give us a splendid munici pal government, and municipal and other government matters are as much as the people can well attend to besides their own business.

"It is a dangerous experiment to ncrease the patronage of the government. There are, of course, exceptions to all rules, and some cities have succeeded in furnishing water and light. It should be only the direct necessity which should induce a municipality to to into mere business transactions. If, however, the city does, it should be on the strict business principles which would govern private individuals. Build or buy the best possible plant at the lowest possible price and manage it on the strictest rules of economy and good service."

IT PLEASES some of our esteemed Wilkes-Barre contemporaries to grow facetious at THE TRIBUNE'S serioussuggestion that Rev. Mr. Moody chose the Luzerne capital as the initial point in his summer evangelistic campaign in order that he might do the hardest fighting while his strength was fresh. Yet if the criminal records of Wilkes-Barre and its environs be added to its social scandals and manifest social vice, we think the aggregate will justify our original remark. It is not Pharisaical to speak the truth. It would be Pharisaical to conceal it.

COLONEL BRECKINRIDGE is really entitled to sympathy. The Boston Women's Rescue league has passed regolutious branding him as a menace to public morals. When Boston women become excited the case is indeed

PRESIDENT CLEVELAND seems to present the most striking illustration of the hour of the animal between two bundles of hay. INCIDENTALLY IT may be said that

Scranton is both looking and building

COXEY MAY have his faults, but there is no question that he is celebrated.

WHAT HAS become of A Mal?

MERE The Catspaws.

EDITOR OF THE TRIBUNE: Dear Sir: As you were impartial enough to publish my letter in favor of has done good work and lots of it, the Bland bill, I hope you will extend equally deserves a re-election; and it the same courtesy to the present, apropos the Cleveland veto that threatens it in compliance with the "mighty protest" from the Empire state. Now, from a gold-partisan point of view, the above mentioned protest to Cievelan'l from the New York bankers and chamber of commerce is a well founded document worthy of much consideration. But from the tone of General Ives' speech, when the aforesaid document was signed, it would seem that the honorable gentlemon in question protest as much against being made fools of by too present administration, as by rea-son of any principle inimical to their private interests, involved in the coining of the seigniorage. And who can blame them? When highly respectable gentlemen of their social position and potition in all lines is healthy, provided shrewdness have been evidently worked by "the baby racket"-so to speakas neativ as any green goods game has often fooled Maryland farmers and backwoods countrymon, it is surely enough to bring forth a protest of some kind and excuses even the veiling of this protest under most any pretext. That \$50,000,000 of solid gold coin was excanged for paper, without one cent of profit to the owners of this coin and with almost the certainty of a loss to them, if this paper changes hands be fore the term fixed for its redemption some ten years hence, is, indeed, one of the most extraordinary financial trans-actions of the present century. Of course, to make this transaction Secretary Carlisle worked on the patriotic sentiments of the New York gentleman foresaid-that we all knew at the time. But what we did not know until forty eight hours ago, was that for this high act of firsacial chivalry they were to be rewarded by the ruthles sacrifics of the interest of the tax pay of party pledges and platforms. Now,

> They should have remembered, first, that Mr. Cleveland-Mr. Carlisle's mas-

however, "that the cat is out of the

bag," the honorable gentlemen descend

from the high rank of moneyed knights

of patriotism to the unenviable level of

the hands of the southern free-traders, majority of the citizens of the district and, secondly, that he had then be-above mentioned, who desired to come trayed all the friends of silver, who foolishly voted for him, into the hands of gentlemen of their own class. Why then should they expect to be more fortunate, when men as good as they had been spurned, as soon as Grover I finds it policy to trade votes to their disadvantage, that he may carry out his pet scheme of ruining northern industries to satisfy the confederate spite through the infamous Wilson bill? They must have forgot-ten the old adage that "all is not gold that glitters" to have been dezzled, as they were by the luring promises of an administration whose whole in-telligence seems to have been em-ployed in betraying the best interests the people who put it in power. It would seem to me, therefore, that Grover's tortuous policy respecting silver has at last brought him to the following dilemma, viz., either he signs the seignlorage bill, when he alieniates the very men for whom he betrayed silver and on whom he depends for any future bond issue, or else he ve-toes the bill, when he will certainty stir up against himself a nest of cranks and indignant followers of which General Coxey's Onto army can furnish a contingent sufficient to make Grover cuvy even the threatened ex-istence of the czar of Russia.

Yours truly, DANIEL B. STRONG. Starrucca, Pa., March 26, 1894

TO JAIL WITH BOSSES.

Workington News There seems to be a disposition all over the country to investigate reports of bal-ot-box stufflag and intimidation at the fells, and to follow up and to punch with the utmost severity those who are guilty of such conduct. So long as the people are awake to the enormity of election crimes the country is self. We all know the power of the boss and the outrages constantly committed against our most sacred pravilege. They of since 20 so long constantly committed against our most sacred privilege. They of times go so long unrebused, and the low, coarse and ignor-ant bully in politics obtains so much influ-ence that some of us grow disgusted, and wonder if that is not the rock on which this glorious republic is going to founder. But the lighthouse of hope, the arrest, trial and conviction of the criminals, alrays appears when the hour is darkest,

Compliment to General Harrison, Paid by Ducid Starr Jordan. It is one of the things of which this re-public has a right to be proud that a man who has enjoyed the highest bonors of the republic is not above the ambition of wish-ing to be a good teacher.

The Real Responsibility. New York Tribune.

"Bat" Shea is responsible for the death f Robert Ross. But Edward Murphy and P. Flower are responsible for

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